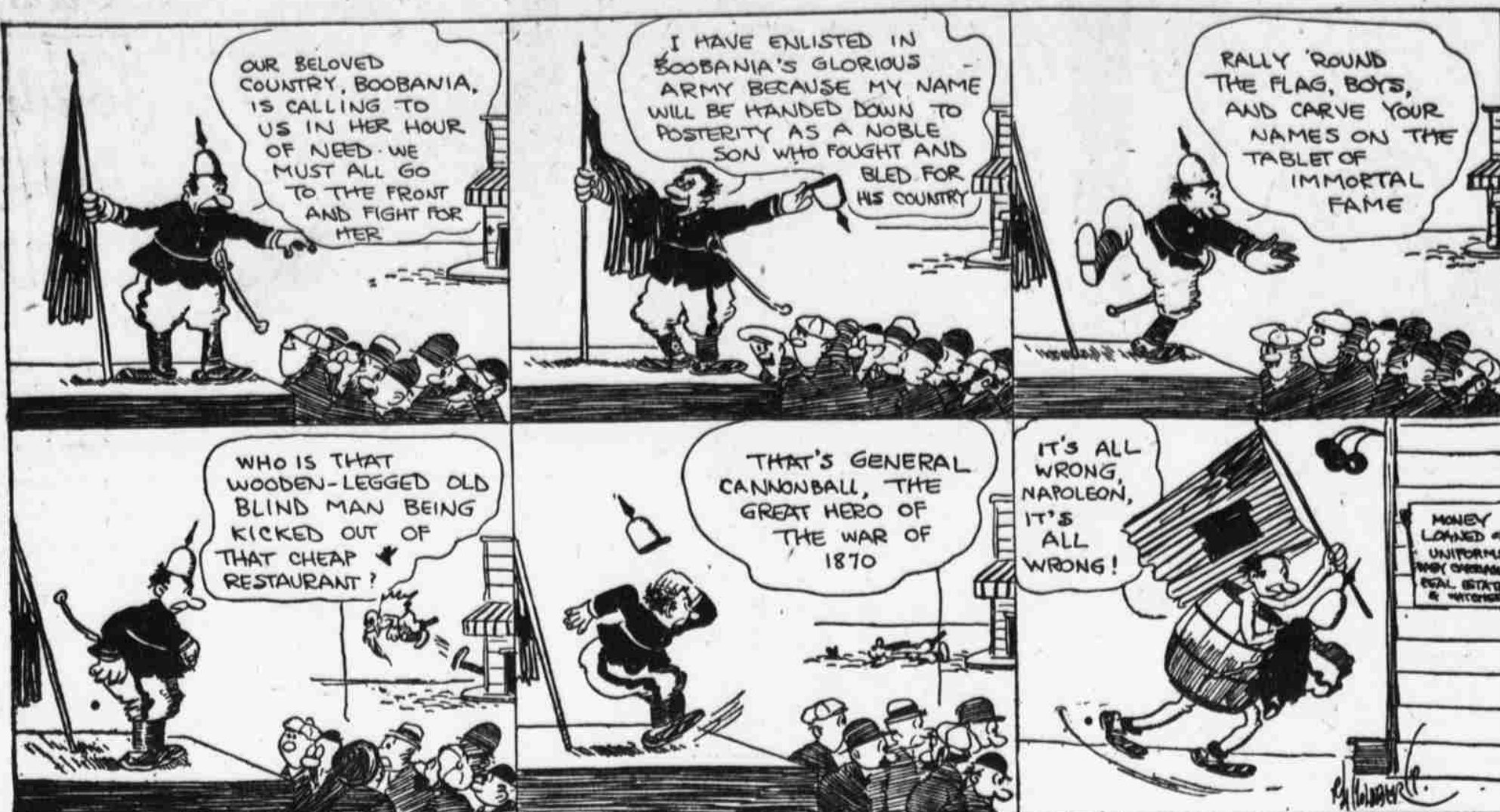


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SMALL CROWD OUT TO OBTAIN TICKETS FOR SEASON START

However, Outlook Is for Capacity Throng When Curtain Rolls Up April 20.

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

Tickets for the opening game of the American League season went on sale this morning at the ball park and, owing to a misleading announcement, only about a hundred fans were there to take advantage of their opportunity. Through an error, it was announced that the sale would begin tomorrow, and this probably kept away many fans.

Though today's throng was small, it is practically certain that every seat will be sold for the opening game here on April 20. Applications have been received from clubs, departments and various trade bodies for the past two weeks, and the grand stand will have the same old mix of rosters, male and female, when the bells ring.

Horace Milan, who has been "farmed out" to Newark in the International League, has not left yet for his new club. He will leave in a few days, carrying a string which may yank him back if he is needed by the Griffins.

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"I look to several of the veterans to play better ball than last season. Pfeiffer, Smith and Dell have shown much improvement over their form at this time a year ago. Brooklyn fans are going to get a big surprise when they see Malle pitch, for I believe that he is a corner. Mike Mowrey is going to make a good utility man for us, and Manager Robinson will be well protected against possible injuries to the regulars. The club is well balanced and is prepared to start right in at a fast clip."

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MANY NEW PLAYERS TRYING FOR SCHOOL NINES THIS SEASON

Graduation Forces Coaches to Develop Candidates for Vacated Places.

By BRYAN MORSE.

Many new faces will be seen in the line-ups of the five high school nines which start on their championship baseball series April 14. The graduation of veterans from the teams last June and in mid-year leaves many gaps to be filled, and coaches have given candidates a thorough trial in the few preliminary games.

The next ten days will find the experimenting at an end, and the selection of candidates made. Tech is going to have more newcomers in the ranks than any other school, according to the line-ups used. The Manual Trainers were harder hit last year than in any other season by graduation. McCarthy, Devin, Flood, Ochsenreiter, Myers, Rooney, Stowers, and Roberts went out, and when Coach Furry took charge he had but three old players to use as a starter.

Trumbull, a catcher, Stephen, an outfielder, and De la Vergne at short, Strawn at third, and Biggs and Cole in the outfield, are the new men in the Tech line-up. At Central, Dawson is filling in as catcher, Shears at second, Marbury at third, and "Buddy" Belcher at short. Cook is the only new man in the outfield.

Western has several new men playing this season. Fenwick, second string catcher from last season; Horden and Hout in the outfield; Stevens and Watt at short and second, are starting their first campaign.

Business has Johnson catching, Jenkins in center, Jones on second, Keach in right, and Wassmann in the box. Eastern will have Sweeney, Baldwin, and Thomas as the new players.

The Army and Navy Preps and Western are due for a game today on the Prep field. It is the first clash of the season between the teams. Last year the Preps handed Western a good beating on both occasions. Coach Newberry lost several players recently as examinations were concluded for West Point, and many of the boys decided upon a vacation.

Tech and St. Albans are due for a battle on Satterlee Field if the ground is dry enough to play upon. Central and the Georgetown Preps will play at the Hilltop. The Preps have already gotten in ahead of Western.

Tomorrow the Georgetown Freshmen tackle the Western team, while Business goes to Alexandria. The Stenographers are somewhat backward in their work this season.

Western won out over Steward's Business College in a seven-inning game yesterday by 6 to 5. Lester Peine, Western's third baseman, got four singles out of four, and the plate, and put up a great game around third. Peine is recovering from a sprained ankle.

Catholic University should have no difficulty with the Randolph-Macon team at Brookland today. Coach Moran has rounded up a fast bunch of hitters this season, and can be expected to come through with a majority of his games.

The Maryland Aggies are putting in their bids for Cornell University which lands a bunch of players here for a game on Friday. The Aggies played a great game against Cornell last year, the contest going into extra rounds. The Ithaca team will play Georgetown on Saturday at the Hilltop.

Raw weather is seriously handicapping the pitching staffs of the various high school nines. Many of the youngsters are trying to hide sore arms as a result of playing in the cold of the last week.

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With all of the scab beer pickets at their outposts, wrestling and roller-skating have been comparatively inactive this winter.

Clark Griffith cautions his athletes to retire early so that they won't retire early the next afternoon.

Retiring early embraces a multitude of sins. People who retire early—DON'T HAVE BLOW-OUTS. GET PLENTY OF SLEEP. NEVER MEET ANY PROMINENT PEOPLE. SHOULDN'T LIVE IN GLASS HOUSES.

There is no glory in winning an argument from a deaf mute.

"Reb" Russell and Joe Benz are brothers-in-law, but had Russell jumped to the Federals they would have been brother outlaws.

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Matty had plenty of speed and curves when he chose to use them. He appeared to be in good form. The final score was New York, 4; State University, 1. Five hits were made off Matty, one of which was a double.

The students came out in a body, with a band of music, and there was a big attendance of city people. Mathewson was accorded an ovation when he stepped into the box.

Only six hits were made by the Giants off Wilkenson, who is the university's crack pitcher. Five of them were extra drives, though. Hitters were made by Lobert and Roush. Hans also made a brace of doubles and Roush one.

Must Explain Slap. MILWAUKEE, April 4.—Manager Howard Carr, who used to fight some himself, but now has the care of Ever Hammer, ambitious lightweight, today was asked to explain to the Wisconsin boxing commission his reasons for slapping Inspector Buehler's face at the Hammer-Wolgaat bout at Racine Friday night. Carr became involved in a row with Buehler just before the fight.

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"I say right off," said Artie Fletcher, "that Cobb is a considerable ball player. Any one to see him out there against us would have sworn that he had been playing all season instead of having been riding him pretty hard. It is only a question of a little time, however, until Benny will be shooting the old ball into safe territory. Right now he is connecting, but has the hard luck of hitting it right at some one."

WILLIAM CORBETT LOSES RING TITLE New England Amateur Champion Goes Down to Defeat.

BOSTON, April 4.—All kinds of boxing was seen at the opening night of the National amateur championships at the Mechanics Building.

Joe Chevalier, of Montreal, and Jimmy Perry of Boston, in the 115-pound class, furnished the real thrill of the evening. Perry coming from behind and winning the decision. Roy Helton, of Kansas City, 145 pounds, and Eugene Brosseau of Montreal, in the same division, displayed class. William Corbett, a New England 115-pound champion, was the first title-holder disposed of. He was defeated by Ben Volzer of New York. The final rounds of the championships will be held tonight.

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MARYLAND'S RACING TO REMAIN WHILE

Senate Kills Hall Anti-Gambling Bill After It Had Passed the House.

ANNAPOLIS, April 4.—The racing laws of Maryland will remain unchanged for two years at least, the senate having killed the Hall anti-gambling bill just before adjourning sine die early this morning.

After a score of futile efforts to have the Hall